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TITLE : METHOD AND MEANS FOR STUFFING NATURAL CASINGS  
WITH SAUSAGE EMULSION  
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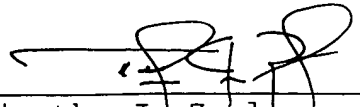
In response to the Office Action of April 22, 2004, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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